

GRAND JURY Reports On PUBLIC UTILITIES

Recommends that the County Commissioners Immediately Proceed With Rigid Investigation -- Report Commends Various County Officers for Efficient Work, Especially the Sheriff--Opposes an Extra Session of the Legislature.

respect we desire to commend the sheriff of Nye county for the management of the county jail for its sanitary condition and its cleanliness in general.

At this, our final convening for the year 1907, we have appointed several committees out of this body to visit the various county officers to go over their books and inquire into the standing of the county in general.

In the treasurer's office we find that notwithstanding the depression along financial lines throughout the entire country, taxes are coming in at about the usual rate, and we authorize our chairman by unanimous vote of our members to telegraph to the governor of this state our views as to opposing an extra session of the legislature, believing that in so far as Nye county is con-

cerned there is no necessity for legislative relief.

We find upon inspection that the present office force of the treasurer of this county is inadequate and that it is impossible without assistance to handle the work of that office, and we recommend that Treasurer Gilbert be immediately furnished with additional help, this help to continue during the tax collecting season.

We find that the Nye and Ormsby bank has some \$39,665.57 on deposit belonging to Nye county. In this respect we beg leave to give utterance to our sincere confidence in the solvency of that bank now having the greater portion of the funds of Nye county in custody, and believe that the tax payers of Nye county need not in any wise be alarmed.

The State Bank and Trust company has some \$15,479.09 on deposit,

belonging to Nye county, and we have complete confidence in its safety. In other banks we find a total of \$1827.04 belonging to the county.

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK.

In our inspection of the office of the county clerk we find a decided and emphatic changes tending towards the improvement of the service. The files have been systematically indexed and the office is kept in an orderly and clerical manner, and while the space that is allowed to the county clerk is not in our estimation adequate to the operations which are conducted in that office, we deem it at this time only proper to say that the office is conducted in a splendid manner.

It having come to the attention of the grand jury that there may be a question of law in regard to the fees

to be collected by the county clerk, we call the attention of the district attorney to the matter in order that he may take steps towards having the proper authorities pass upon the subject.

AUDITOR AND COUNTY RECORDER.

In the auditor and recorder's office there is a decided congestion due to the enormous volume of work that is carried on in that department. The vault for the storage and safe keeping of public records is inadequate. It is at the present time filled almost to its entire capacity with volumes and records. The office and the vault together are too small for the purpose which that office is intended, and we recommend that as soon as the sheriff moves his

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Owing to the prevalent public dissatisfaction with the service and rates of certain quasi-public corporations, we have asked the district attorney to look into the franchises of these corporations with the object of seeing if there is any available remedy. The district attorney reports that a thorough search has failed to reveal any record of the franchise of one of these corporations. We recommend that the board of county commissioners go into the matter thoroughly at the earliest possible moment.—Report of the grand jury on public utilities.

The grand jury handed in its final report yesterday afternoon, but Judge O'Brien did not discharge the body, only excusing the members. This was done for the purpose of having the inquisitors ready to act in case of an emergency. At present, there is nothing to occupy their attention, and they may not be called upon during the rest of the year. After the first of the year another grand jury will be chosen.

The report deals with the public utilities, and recommends that they be investigated, as has been advocated by the Bonanza. The report also goes into the various county offices, and commends the management of each, and is especially strong with regard to the conduct of the offices of assessor and sheriff by John J. Owens. Following is the report in full:

To the Honorable J. P. O'Brien, Judge of the Fifth Judicial District of the County of Nye, State of Nevada:

Dear Sir—I have the honor to submit the final report of the grand jury of the county of Nye, which said grand jury has been in session from time to time, subject to the call of its chairman, since March, 1907.

We have on two separate occasions since the convening of this body visited various county departments, and

in a former report made our recommendations to the county commissioners of Nye county along lines which we deemed expedient and necessary at that time. Much of that report is again endorsed in this, our final report, and we beg leave again to insist on the carrying out of these measures, which were recommended at that time.

In the first place, our county hospital, that institution of all institutions of the county which should receive careful attention by the county supervisors and be kept in as good a condition as possible, is at this time much in need of improvement. In a former report submitted by this body to this honorable court, that report recommended changes in that institution along sanitary lines, which changes would involve the enlargement of the institution and put it upon a more modern scale. At the present time it is inadequate for the purposes for which it is intended and decidedly poor in its arrangement. We again draw the attention of the board of county commissioners to that institution and recommend that changes and additions be made there as soon as practicable.

Our committee on public institutions also visited the county jail and found that to be in as fine a condition as it can be conducted. In this

CHICAGO WHITE SLAVE CENTER

CHICAGO, Nov. 23.—Charges that Chicago rapidly is becoming the "white slave" center of the world, and that a powerful syndicate for traffic in young girls exists in the city, have stirred religious and settlement workers to form a large organization for the express purpose of combating the evil.

At a meeting of nearly fifty ministers, lawyers and settlement leaders yesterday plans were laid for the work. A number of organizations already have expressed their eagerness to join in a crusade against the traffic in girls.

MARKET WAS QUITE BUOYANT

NEW YORK, Nov. 23.—The stock market had quite a buoyant recovery today. Technical conditions were favorable to this result by reason of the free extension of short interest which was made during the week, while various beleaguered interests were being forced to liquidate on painful terms. Previous to the close of the market intimations were circulated that the bank statement would be of a favorable character. This with a knowledge of the visit of J. P. Morgan, with other influential New York bankers to the White House last night completed the discomfort of the bears. The decrease in cash was smaller than indicated by preliminary estimates, thus proving that the concealed drain on banks had come to an end. The day's gold arrivals amounted to nearly \$13,000,000. Bonds were firm.

FELLOW SERVANT ACT IS UPHELD

(By Associated Press.) HELENA, Mont., Nov. 23.—The supreme court today affirmed the constitutionality of the fellow servant act. The court's opinion upholds the legality of the act, and thus S. L. Lewis, a Northern Pacific engineer, will receive \$10,000 for the loss of his left hand while in the employ of the railway company. The jury gave him a judgment of \$17,400. This amount was reduced by the district court to \$10,000 on the ground that it was excessive. The railway company appealed, attacking the constitutionality of the fellow servant act under which action was taken.

WIND BLEW A PERFECT GALE

(By Associated Press.) PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 23.—Portland and vicinity experienced unusual weather today, and storm warnings were ordered sent from all coast stations. At 2 o'clock this afternoon the velocity of the wind at Northhead recorded sixty-five miles an hour. For twenty-four hours ending at 8 o'clock tonight the rainfall was 1.07 inches.

PLACE EMBARGO ON NEVADA ORES

BANKS TO REOPEN FOR BUSINESS

(By Associated Press.) NEW YORK, Nov. 23.—The United States Exchange bank of Harlem, which closed its doors October 25, because of inability to obtain currency to meet the demands of its depositors, announced tonight that it would reopen for business Monday.

SHORT SESSIONS OF LEGISLATURE

(By Associated Press.) SACRAMENTO, Nov. 23.—Two extra sessions of the legislature came to an end today. The sessions were remarkable for being the shortest legislative in the history of California. It is estimated by Comptroller Nye that the five-day session cost the state \$15,000, the second session practically nothing, as it only lasted two hours, from 1 to 3 o'clock.

ADAMS' CASE IS IN JURY'S HANDS

(By Associated Press.) RATHDRUM, Idaho, Nov. 23.—Judge Woods finished his instructions to the jury in the case of Steve Adams, on trial here for murdering Fred Tyler, at 8:30 tonight. The main arguments of the day were made by Clarence Darrow for the defense and James Hawley for the state.

MORE GOLD FOR NEW YORK BANKS

LIVERPOOL, Nov. 23.—The Cunard liner Carmania sailed from here today with \$500,000 in gold for New York.

SOUTHAMPTON, Nov. 23.—The steamer St. Louis sailed this afternoon for New York, and carried \$652,000 gold.

ARMY BALLOON BREAKS RECORD

VERDUN, France, Nov. 23.—The dirigible army balloon Lapatria broke another record today. The balloon traveled a distance of 275 kilometers under adverse conditions, fog and rain, the average speed being forty kilometers per hour.

American Smelting & Refining Company Increases Cost of Treating Ores for the Second Time in Order to Curtail Shipment.

(By Associated Press.) DENVER, Nov. 23.—The inability of the American Smelting and Refining company to handle all ore offered has forced the company to take drastic action to shut off some heavy shipments of ores from Nevada. There are 12,000 tons of bullion, worth over \$4,000,000, now on the way to Denver, Salt Lake and Omaha from Nevada alone. The company announces that its action does not apply to the mines of Colorado, as it will be able to take care of that business in the usual channels. In an effort to force operators to curtail shipments it has increased the cost of treating Nevada ores 10 per cent, which makes the second increase within a few days and has deferred payments for the same from forty-five to sixty days.

Making Allotments Of New Certificates

(By Associated Press.) NEW YORK, Nov. 23.—J. Pierpont Morgan had a short conference with Secretary Cortelyou late this afternoon and at its conclusion left for New York. Nothing was disclosed in regard to the object of the conference. A feeling of confidence in the success of the new loans seemed to prevail in the treasury today which was apparently heightened by assurances given by Morgan of an improvement in the situation in New York. The new treasury certificates of indebtedness have already made their appearance in the treasury as security and for circulation. It is understood that Secretary Cortelyou is making allotments of the new certificates to individuals and national banks, which fact it is assumed to mean that the secretary and banks themselves favor this plan rather than action through a syndicate.

Yale Was Supreme Over Her Old Rival

(By Associated Press.) CAMBRIDGE, Nov. 23.—Yale superbly maintained its football supremacy by defeating her oldest rival in the stadium today by a score of 12 to 0, without resorting, except on occasions, to the so-called new plays. Yale scored a touchdown in each half on almost continuous plunges through the line. Nearly 40,000 people sat in the Indian summer sunshine and saw the Harvard eleven struggle in vain against the superior prowess of Yale's team. On occasion a crimson player would work his way through the Yale line or circle the ends for a gain of five or six yards but soon the Yale line would close holes or the blue players would fathom Harvard's onslaught, and the crimson would be compelled to kick. It was not a particularly thrilling game, for long spectacular runs were missing. There were few errors in the back field to give the opposing side a material advantage.

SCORE OF 40 TO 0.

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 23.—Multnomah Amateur Athletic club walked over the football team of Willamette university today, winning by a score of 40 to 0.

Want Government to Buy Silver Bullion

(By Associated Press.) SALT LAKE, Utah, Nov. 23.—To embody in a concrete form the suggestion of S. R. Guggenheim, smelterman, that the financial situation could be relieved by the purchase and coinage of silver, Secretary Fisher Harris, of the Commercial club, is sending invitations to state officials, bankers, mine owners and business men to meet Mr. Guggenheim at a banquet, the date of which will be fixed later. It is proposed to call for the purchase by the government of \$50,000,000 in silver bullion, and issue silver certificates to the face value of the bullion coined.

Rebellion Rampant In Portuguese Navy

(By Associated Press.) LISBON, Nov. 23.—The city of Lisbon is practically under martial law. Three generals are known to have been relieved of their commands and according to reports some 300 political prisoners have been placed aboard a cruiser which left here immediately afterwards. Their version of the rumor is that the officers of the cruiser were disaffected. Rebellion is said to be rampant in the navy. An official statement given out by the government tonight declares the situation in Portugal is grossly misrepresented. It says: "Fantastic rumors concerning members of the royal family, the attitude of the military forces and political leaders, as well as stories of outbreaks against order are absolutely without foundation."